

Stansted Model Flying Club Newsletter

– September, 2017

Our next meeting will be on Monday 2nd October 2017 at Hadstock at 4PM or Ugley Village Hall at 8PM (you will be informed!) it all depends on the weather!

Mike's Chat:

Our last meeting must take the heading "wot a lot of models".

The first one I saw was Laurie's basic unpowered glider, which WAS powered by a 140 watt motor "It was at hand at the time" said Laurie nonchalantly, as his latest creation cruised about happily.

Paul Munford came to see us again, complete with a foamie, a RIOT No less, even the NAV lights worked! As did the model in Paul's elegant manner. However, Paul thinks he will return to messy engines again "Doesn't seem real" he said.

David Nunn had a very aerobatic Edge which was a joy to watch until the canopy came off! David frantically tried to see it's whereabouts, and consequently made a rather hard landing in the wrong field! A search party headed by Dean found the canopy well before "going home time" so all was not lost.

Dean then flew his Venom with great aerobatics (no sign of a wobbly tail).

Jason and Jack then flew their quad copter (all over the place). Do they all make that whistling noise? At least you can always hear it coming!

Cheers Dears,

Mike

Winter Meetings:

The first of our winter evening meetings in Ugley Village Hall is planned for Monday 2nd October but, as the clocks have not yet changed, we may try and get one last evening fly-in by holding the meeting up at the Flying Site instead if the weather is suitable. I will send out an e-mail after checking the weather forecast on Sunday. If it is not suitable for flying, come along to the hall for the usual convivial evening in good company, supported by tea, coffee and biscuits.

We will try to put on a talk at the November Meeting and the AGM will take place at the December Meeting. After Xmas, the popular "Indoor Chuck Glider" and "Simulator Bombing" Competitions will enliven a couple of our meetings. As always, you are encouraged to bring along your latest model or technical wonder to any meeting for all of us to marvel at.

New BMFA Handbook:

The much (well, long, anyway) awaited latest edition of the BMFA Handbook has now been published by the BMFA. All members will be getting hard copy with their next BMFA News so do try and keep it for future reference. The changes in it affect all BMFA Members.

There are a number of important changes that reflect the focus on Air Law and its impact on our way of operating. In particular, the section on Pre-Session and Pre-Flight checks has been significantly revised. This now calls for Range Checks and Failsafe checks as well as emphasising battery checks as a requirement for every time you fly. This brings those checks in line with the Air Navigation Order 94: "The person in charge of a small unmanned aircraft may only fly the aircraft if reasonably satisfied that the flight can safely be made."

Society of Model Aeronautical Engineers AGM:

The BMFA have asked for all members to be notified of the above AGM which will take place on Saturday 18th November in Hinckley, Leicester. If anyone requires further information please contact me.

And Finally:

My partner Cathy's daughter and her boyfriend have been trekking in the remoter parts of Thailand. Being a Gizmo Junkie, the boyfriend took a small drone fitted with a video camera with him (well, every well-equipped back-packer does so these days). The villagers were not only welcomed them enthusiastically as westerners rarely visit their area, but the drone really fascinated them. They were particularly taken by the aerial images of their villages. The two visitors were welcomed into the villagers' homes to stay - where they were equally fascinated by the open air shower and toilet facilities provided!



See you all at the October Monthly Meeting.

Laurie